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## **LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Madam:

Attached is a Japanese Office Action issued on October 7, 2008 in connection with a Japanese Patent Application which is in the same patent family as the instant US application.

This Japanese Office Action cites 7 Japanese publications which are as follows:

- a) JP-63-114636-A,
- b) JP-2003-4526-A,
- c) JP-52-39672-B,
- d) JP-59-13237-A,
- e) JP-50-72702-A,
- f) JP-2002-225170-A and
- g) JP-2003-011255-A.

These documents a-g were already made of record in the July 12, 2005 IDS and were considered by the Examiner.

We now take this opportunity to submit an English Translation of the Japanese Office Action and English Translations of the cited parts of each of documents a-g. We also include English language Abstracts of documents b, f and g.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these documents and return a signed copy of the attached SB-08 form.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: Search Report/Office Action with English Translation

Seven (7) Japanese References with partial English Translations